



Friday, May 21, 2010

Dear Neighbors,

I'd like to take a moment and thank our Police and Fire Department personnel who risk their lives every day to protect the citizens of this great city. Sadly, one of our City's finest, **Houston Police Officer Eydelmen Mani** passed away on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 after injuries sustained from an accident in his squad car.

Officer Mani served in the Houston Police Department for seven years and will be missed greatly by all of us who worked along side of him during his time in the North Division. Please keep Officer Mani, his wife, child, extended family and all of the men and women in the Houston Police Department in your thoughts during this time.

Sincerely,

Brenda



Residents Learn about Crime Prevention

Council Member Brenda Stardig, the **Houston Police Department**, **Spring Branch ISD Police Department**, **Harris County Sheriff's Office** and **Crime Stoppers** gave invaluable crime prevention tips to area residents during the District A Crime Prevention Town Hall Meeting on May 19th at VFW Post 8790 in Spring Branch.



An estimated 200 residents attended the meeting and received information regarding international drug cartels, drug trafficking, neighborhood gang activity, burglary of motor vehicles/homes and the multi-family habitability program.



Houston Police Department Neighborhood Protection Corps **Assistant Police Chief Curran**, Executive **Assistant Police Chief Kirk Munden**, Assistant **Chief Trevino** and Spring Branch ISD **Police Chief Brawner** joined approximately 30 law enforcement officers and answered questions from area residents.

A big “thank you” goes out to local supporters Coca-Cola, H-E-B, the [Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association](#), [Near North West Management District](#) and [Spring Branch Management](#) who ensured a successful meeting. [Renew Houston](#), a charter amendment campaign to create a dedicated pay-as-you-go funding source to repair City of Houston drainage and streets, provided petitions for residents interested in the amendment.

The attendance of approximately 200 people shows everyone that District A is serious about proactively addressing crime issues. Thank you for coming out to this important meeting and showing your support!

To view more photos of the event visit www.houstontx.gov/council/a/events.html or to learn more about crime prevention visit www.houstontx.gov/police/crime_prevention.

Fire Station No. 90 Grand Opening

Mayor Annise Parker, **Council Member Brenda Stardig**, **Acting Fire Chief Rick Flanagan** along with friends and neighbors welcomed the new Fire Station No. 90 back into service!



(Council Member Brenda Stardig cuts the grand opening ribbon with help from Mayor Annise Parker, Acting Fire Chief Rick Flanagan, General Services Director Bob Christy, Council Member Melissa Noriega and Houston Fire Department Personnel)

Fire Station 90 was designed with the environment in mind. Many sustainable features were built into the station to help reduce power and water consumption. These features include: highly reflective roofing to reduce cooling costs, water detention systems which can collect up to 6,000 gallons of rainwater to use for on-site irrigation, native vegetation to help filter impurities from run-off storm water, and centrally located windows to allow natural light into the building and reduce the need for artificial light during daylight hours.

Opened in 2002, Fire Station 90 serves the Addicks Park Ten and Park Ten communities near the Addicks Reservoir area of the western edge of the City of Houston. The new facility is a beautiful addition to far west Houston and the Energy Corridor which has a rapidly growing residential and commercial population.

In addition to Fire Station 90, District A will have 2 new hospitals to service area residents, Texas Children's West Hospital and Methodist West Houston Hospital.

- ★ **Texas Children's West Hospital** will be one of the largest suburban pediatric medical centers in the nation conveniently located on 55 acres of land at I -10 and Barker Cypress. Phase I includes the outpatient building and is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2010. Phase II includes the inpatient building and is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2011. Visit <http://westcampus.texaschildrens.org> to learn more.
- ★ **Methodist West Houston Hospital** will be located at I-10 and Barker Cypress and is expected to open in November 2010. The hospital will have nearly 200 beds will bring Leading Medicine to West Houston, providing the latest in medical technology and patient care. Visit www.methodisthealth.com to learn more.

Prohibited Yard Parking Program

Kempwood Subdivision Section 1 recently became the newest neighborhood to successfully opt-into the Prohibited Yard Parking Program. Congratulations to the Kempwood Section 1 Neighborhood!

The Prohibited Yard Parking Program is intended to protect neighborhood property values, prevent damage to the City of Houston's underground infrastructure and to stop the degradation of the aesthetic appearance of single-family residential areas. Parking of vehicles on any unimproved surface in the front or side yard within single-family residential areas will be prohibited where a Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area has been established.

For more information about the Prohibited Yard Parking Program contact the Planning Department at 713.837.7931 or visit:

www.houstontx.gov/planning/ComPlanning/yardparking_prog.html

Demolition Day

This Saturday, May 22, 2010, the **Houston Police Department's Neighborhood Protection Corps (NPC)** will move one step closer to making Houston a blight-free city. NPC seeks to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods by reducing blight and substandard living conditions. In conjunction with their mission, NPC will demolish 185 abandoned buildings - the largest one-day demolition in the Department's history. District A is fortunate to have a demolition scheduled in the Carverdale area at 10279 Porto Rico.

Mayor Annise Parker, Houston City Council Members, Neighborhood Protection Corps Assistant Police Chief Curran and Houston Contractors Association President Jim Slack Jr. will kick off demolitions at 10:00 a.m. starting with 8742 Guinevere in the Pleasantville Subdivision.

Visit www.houstontx.gov/police/npc.htm for more information about Neighborhood Protection Corps.

Garden Oaks Old-Fashioned Picnic

The **2nd Annual Garden Oaks Old-Fashioned Picnic** is set for Sunday, May 23, 2010. Join in the fun for whiffle baseball, tetherball and other family-friendly games. Competitive races, including an egg race, balloon race and sack races for all age divisions and teams will begin at 1:30 p.m.

When: Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Garden Oaks SPARK Park
901 Sue Barnett Drive, Houston, TX 77018

Come out and enjoy the day with friends and neighbors. Ribbons will be awarded for all contests and residents can bring a picnic, drinks, chairs and blankets. Ice cream and games will be provided.

For additional details, contact event sponsor Terry Jeanes at 713.812.9154 or terry@terryjeanes.com.

District A Highlight

Fire Station 5 located at 2020 Hollister has renovations scheduled for completion during the last week of June. This fire station is an asset to District A and serves area residents.

Building a stronger sense of community.